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ADDRESSES WANTED

Mail directed to the following members has been returned unclaimed and we would be glad to receive information as to their present respective addresses. Other members will confer a favor by notifying us, in case the information is at hand.

We wish to acknowledge the courtesy of several members who have kindly given us information concerning members whose latest addresses we did not have.

NAME.	LAST ADDRESS GIVEN.
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Remington, W. H.	228 Epler Blk., Seattle, Wash.
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Schrock, J. B.	611 Fernwell Bldg., Spokane, Wash.
Sierra Madre Mining Co.	628 Scarritt Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting of the Board of Directors.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Mining Congress will be held at the Commercial Club Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, January 25, 1911.

Meeting of Utah Branch.

A meeting of the members of the Utah Branch of the American Mining Congress will be held at Salt Lake City on January 25, 1911, for the purpose of passing upon a proposed amendment to the by-laws of that organization, changing the name to "State Chapter," and authorizing the creation of local sections, in accordance with a new plan which has been adopted by the American Mining Congress.

The Utah Branch of the American Mining Congress will tender a complimentary dinner to the President, Officers and Directors of the Congress, at the Commercial Club, Salt Lake City, on the evening of January 25, 1911.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Cripple Creek Mine Taxation.

A meeting of the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek members of the Colorado Chapter was held on December 7 in the offices of the Elkton Mining Company, in Colorado Springs, to consider the general question of mine taxation in the Cripple Creek District and to formulate a plan of action to remedy conditions. The meeting was most representative.

The general facts as to the assessment of the mines were clearly brought out. These facts have already been reported in THE BULLETIN; however, some new points were made. It was shown that in Teller County, in which is situated the Cripple Creek District, the average assessed value was $700 per capita, whereas for the whole state the per capita assessment was only $500. The taxes paid in Teller County amounted to the astounding total of $33 per capita per annum.

That mining property in Teller County is over-assessed is proved by the result of the suit jointly entered by sixty-one mining companies operating in the Cripple Creek District. In that suit a reduction in assessment was adjudicated from $516,330 to $156,180, saving the sum of $15,277.07 in taxes paid. It is obvious, therefore, that certain properties were assessed at three times the reasonable amount, as required by law.

Finally the meeting decided to invite the mining companies to file legal protests with the Board of County Commissioners, the same to form the basis of a suit, if found necessary or advisable. A committee was appointed to present these protests in behalf of the joint interests. The committee was formed of Messrs. P. J. Ryan, treasurer Mary McKinney Mining Company; William Lennox, president Strong Mining Company; Frank G. Peck, president Portland Gold Mining Company; E. M. DeLavergne, president Elkton Gold Mining Company; J. D. Hawkins, manager U. S. R. & R. Company.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman, E. M. DeLavergne.

A. W. WARWICK, *Secretary.*

Reduction in Assessments of Mines in Cripple Creek.

Name	Assessor's Valuation	Reduction Granted	Amount of Tax Saved
Agnes G. M. Co.	$ 2,060.00	$ 1,440.00	$ 53.42
Alamo M. Co.	6,820.00	4,780.00	177.34
Alert G. M. Co.	10,730.00	7,250.00	268.98
American Cons.	5,070.00	3,560.00	237.08
Arequa G. M. Co.	3,670.00	2,450.00	90.90
Black Bell G. M. Co.	9,460.00	6,830.00	253.39
Black Wonder G. M. Co.	4,200.00	2,890.00	218.72
Blue Bell M. M. & P. Co.	16,920.00	11,680.00	512.98
Bonnie Nell Merger	10,880.00	7,360.00	273.06
Buckeye G. M. Co.	2,540.00	1,740.00	64.55
Bull Hill and Straub Mt.	5,590.00	3,800.00	140.98
Cedar Hill G. M. Co.	3,020.00	2,080.00	77.17
Colorado Springs G. M. Co.	3,830.00	2,710.00	100.54
Coriolanus G. M. Co.	6,310.00	4,300.00	159.53
Cripple Creek Cons.	26,940.00	19,040.00	706.38
Cripple Creek Gold King	20,280.00	13,910.00	1,201.56
Easter Bell	6,900.00	5,170.00	321.06
Enterprise M. & L. Co.	5,800.00	4,110.00	152.48
Fairfax G. M. Co.	11,910.00	8,250.00	306.08
Gold and Globe Hill	6,070.00	4,300.00	159.53
Gould M. Co.	18,720.00	12,810.00	475.25
Greater Gold Belt	5,520.00	3,740.00	138.75
Happy Year M. Co.	8,330.00	5,640.00	209.24
Hart Cons. M. Co.	16,330.00	12,550.00	465.61
Hayden G. M. Co.	5,060.00	3,450.00	144.95
Hercules G. M. Co.	4,970.00	3,480.00	129.11
Ida May G. M. Co.	14,600.00	9,940.00	368.77
Ironclad M. & M. Co.	3,500.00	2,490.00	92.37
Jack Pot M. Co.	10,370.00	7,000.00	304.25
Jennie Sample Cons.	23,620.00	16,750.00	621.43
Keener G. M. Co.	19,030.00	13,070.00	484.90
Kitty G. M. Co.	5,480.00	3,720.00	138.01
Little Bessie	5,430.00	3,730.00	138.38
Little Joan M. Co.	10,180.00	7,170.00	303.51
Maggie G. M. Co.	5,730.00	3,830.00	142.09
Mary Ann M. Co.	4,390.00	3,110.00	115.38
Michorado G. M. Co.	7,610.00	5,240.00	194.40
Mobile G. M. Co.	4,950.00	3,920.00	145.43
Montrose G. M. Co.	3,850.00	2,620.00	97.20
Moon Anchor G. M. Co.	6,660.00	4,670.00	408.41
New Haven G. M. Co.	6,790.00	4,910.00	182.16
O. K. G. M. Co.	4,270.00	2,990.00	110.92
Olive Branch G. M. Co.	3,000.00	1,840.00	68.26
Pilgrim Cons. M. Co.	9,620.00	6,910.00	258.79
Pinnacle G. M. Co.	17,380.00	13,440.00	498.62
Princess Alice Cons.	4,340.00	2,940.00	113.27

Ramona G. M. Co.	6,340.00	4,340.00	161.01
Raven and Beacon Hill	8,460.00	5,920.00	219.63
Rigi Group G. M. Co.	10,390.00	7,150.00	295.27
Robert Burns G. M. Co.	7,330.00	4,900.00	233.69
Rose Maud G. M. Co.	8,020.00	5,700.00	296.97
Rose Nicol G. M. Co.	8,860.00	6,280.00	232.98
Sheriff G. M. Co.	5,450.00	3,810.00	141.35
St. Thomas G. M. Co.	2,550.00	1,750.00	64.93
Uncle Sam M. & M. Co.	4,570.00	3,000.00	111.30
United G. M. Co.	20,350.00	13,700.00	518.72
Work M. & M. Co.	4,440.00	3,200.00	166.72
Hildreth Frost	19,670.00	13,270.00	492.32
Herbert Gardner	1,840.00	1,240.00	46.00
E. S. Johnson	2,100.00	1,520.00	56.39
Frank G. Logan	7,230.00	4,760.00	414.60
	$516,330.00	$360,150.00	$15,277.07

ANNUAL MEETING OF COLORADO CHAPTER

The Annual Meeting of the Colorado Chapter of the American Mining Congress will be held in Denver on January 15, 1911. It is the present plan to mark this occasion by a great banquet of Colorado mining men.

Should there be a general favorable response to the inquiries now being sent to mining men all over the state, the banquet will be held in Denver at an appropriate and suitable place, and the mining men will be afforded an opportunity of once more demonstrating that the industry in this state is not dead nor sleeping.

Suggestions are invited.

A. W. WARWICK, *Secretary*.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF MEMBERS

In accordance with Article XIV of the by-laws of the American Mining Congress, notice is hereby given that the following amendments and substitutions are offered for the consideration of the members of the American Mining Congress, to be voted upon at a special meeting of members hereby called to meet at the Commercial Club Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 25, 1911, at ten o'clock a. m.:

That Section 1 of Article V shall be amended by striking out the word "nine" in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirteen," so that, when amended, said section shall read as follows:

ARTICLE V—Officers.

Section 1.—The government, control and management of the affairs of this Congress shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen members, to be elected by the members of this Congress as hereinafter provided.

That Article VIII of said by-laws shall be amended by adding to the last line thereof the words:

Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

That Article IX shall be stricken out and the following shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE IX—Elections.

Section 1. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members. In the election of Directors the votes of members may be cast in person or by individual proxy, and in the case of State Chapters of the organization that part of the votes of the membership of such State Chapters not represented in person or by individual proxy may be cast by the duly accredited delegates from such State Chapter who are present at such meeting; and, in the absence of such accredited delegates the vote of such absentee members may be cast by the Governor of such State Chapter.

Sec. 2. At the first election held under these by-laws there shall be elected five Directors to hold office for one year; four Directors to hold office for two years; four Directors to hold office for three years; and at

each succeeding annual meeting Directors shall be elected to hold office for three years, to succeed those Directors whose term of office expires at such meeting.

All elections shall be by ballot, and those members receiving a majority of votes cast shall be elected and shall hold their offices for the terms to which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

That all of Article XIII shall be stricken out and the following shall be inserted in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE XIII—State Chapters.

Section 1. The Board of Directors may establish local or state Chapters of the American Mining Congress on petition of fifty members residing within the territory which the Chapter desires to control. Chapters shall be self-governing, except that they shall not make rules and laws conflicting with the constitution and by-laws of this Congress.

Sec. 2. A share of the annual dues paid by the members of such local section shall be returned to the Treasurer of such Chapters as provided in Sec. 5 of this Article.

Sec. 3. The Governors of the State Chapters shall together constitute an Advisory Board, which may meet with the Board of Directors and have all privileges accorded the members of said board, except that of voting or holding office on said board.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of each Chapter shall certify to the Secretary of this Congress the names of the officers of the Chapter as well as the headquarters of the same.

Sec. 5. Any member of the American Mining Congress may affiliate himself with any State Chapter upon being accepted for membership therein by such State Chapter and by thereafter notifying the National Secretary, that he has elected so to do. Thereafter twenty-five per cent of the dues paid by such members to the American Mining Congress shall be returned to the Treasurer of the State Chapter to which such member belongs, within sixty days after such payment has been made to the National Secretary. State Chapters shall be permitted to collect funds for special purposes and shall have entire control of such funds.

No member of the American Mining Congress shall be under obligations to affiliate himself with any State Chapter, and a State Chapter shall be under no obligation to accept for membership therein any member of the American Mining Congress.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors may authorize any State Chapter which shall have attained a membership of 200 members or more in good standing, whenever such Chapter shall so elect, to collect all dues from its membership, and such State Chapter shall undertake to collect the annual dues prescribed by the by-laws and shall be required to remit one-half of same upon collection to the American Mining Congress and shall be allowed to retain fifty per cent of such dues for its support.

Any Chapter which shall elect to collect such dues shall forfeit its right to do so, and to retain fifty per cent thereof, whenever it shall fail to have at least 200 members in good standing.

Whenever any State Chapter which has elected to assume the responsibility of collecting the annual dues from its members shall fail to have

as many as 200 members in good standing, the National Secretary shall give notice of such fact to the State Secretary, and thereafter, and so long as such membership shall continue below 200 members, such State Chapter shall not be entitled to receive more than twenty-five per cent of the annual dues paid by its members.

No member shall be considered in good standing whose dues are more than three months in arrears.

Sec. 7. Any State Chapter of the American Mining Congress organized under the provisions of these by-laws shall have power to create local sections of such Chapter, and full power to regulate the operations of such sections and to exercise any authority not to conflict with these by-laws.

Sec. 8. The American Mining Congress shall pay the railroad transportation expenses, of one delegate from each State Chapter maintaining a membership of not less than 200, to and from the meeting place when an annual meeting may be held, and a per diem allowance of $5.00 for each day spent by such delegate in attendance at such annual meeting; such delegate to be selected by the members of the State Chapter in such manner as may be provided in its by-laws.

ABOUT REVISION OF THE MINERAL LAND LAWS

To the Members:

Through the Bulletin and otherwise, the Secretary has endeavored to impress upon the members of the American Mining Congress the importance of carrying out the recommendations of the Committee on the Revision of Mineral Land Laws, calling for the creation by the National Congress of a committee or a commission through which investigations could be made in the public land states by public hearings and otherwise, in order that Congress might be fully advised as to the needs of the West and that a revision of the patchwork system of mineral land laws could be devised and made effective.

The carrying out of this plan would naturally suspend action upon the so-called conservation bills which provide for the leasing of mineral lands and water power sites, and would furnish Congress with such information as would enable them to intelligently consider the changes which seem to be inevitable in our mineral land laws.

Thus far the responses from our members on this subject have been so meager as to indicate that the interest in this question is not sufficient to justify the Mining Congress in undertaking to carry on a campaign which seems to be necessary to meet the situation.

If you are interested in this proposition and care to have this work prosecuted, let us hear from you at once.

THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

The American Mining Congress is a voluntary association, supported entirely by the dues and fees of its members. It is striving to bring about:

First—Safety in mining operations.

Second—Intelligent conservation with a view to the highest development of our mineral resources.

Third—The stimulation of investment in practical mining operations by showing that mining is a legitimate business, promising, when intelligently conducted, larger profits with less risk than any other business.

Fourth—Uniformity in state laws governing mining operations carried on under like conditions.

Fifth—Such federal co-operation through research and investigation as will furnish the basis for intelligent state legislation, and will solve those problems of economical production, treatment and transportation which are essential to an increase in mineral production.

To accomplish these purposes it has been active in the campaign which resulted in the establishment of a National Bureau of Mines and in securing appropriations for investigating the causes of mine accidents; in securing the enactment of the so-called *"Pardee Law"* for the protection of mining investors; in educating the public to the needs and advantages of greater uniformity of the laws governing mining operations.

Last year the Mining Congress assisted in organizing the campaign which resulted in placing a duty of one cent per pound on imported zinc ores and in preventing a reduction of duties upon imported lead ores. This result was vital to the mining industry of the West.

The American Mining Congress has been instrumental in bringing about these things through the education, agitation and organization of the forces which have accomplished these results.

The work is but begun. The importance of its completion must appeal to everyone interested in the welfare of the country. We need the support, financial and moral, of a majority of those who are interested in mining to effectually carry on this work.

Every member of the Congress should lend his help to the extent of securing one new member. For convenience, an application blank is printed below, and we respectfully and urgently ask each member to get a new application and send it in to the Secretary's office.

We appeal to you to co-operate with us by becoming a member. Remember, that if you are interested in this work, now is the time to help; do not wait until those who are now carrying the burden have become discouraged.

Sign the appended application blank and mail to

THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS,
1510 COURT PLACE, DENVER, COLORADO

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

.....191.....

I hereby make application for membership in the AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS and agree, if accepted, to abide by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of said organization and to pay the dues required by same. Herewith find $15.00 membership fee, and $10.00 dues for one year from date. Total, $25.00.

RECOMMENDED BY NAME.....

OCCUPATION.....

APPLICATION APPROVED: P. O. ADDRESS.....

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Committee on Membership.